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NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES (CHAPTER 4)										
	TOWN COUNCIL	PLANNING BOARD	CONSERVATION COMMISSION	OPEN SPACE COMMISSION	TREE COMMISSION	HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION	PUBLIC WORKS	WATER AUTHORITIES	TIME FRAME
Plan Implementation										
4.1 Continue an active program of land acquisition to protect open space and rural character.	◆	◆	◆	●						ON
4.2 Identify and develop an awareness and appreciation of the elements of rural character.			◆	●						ON
4.3 a. Work with developers to promote rural residential developments as the preferred type of development pattern.		●	◆	◆						ON
b. Use the services of professional design consultants in the design of rural and conservation developments.		●	◆	◆						ON
4.4 a. Promote local stewardship of the town's tree resources.					●					ON
b. Continue to require protection of existing significant trees, and specify replacement trees for new developments and subdivisions.		●	◆		◆					ON
4.5 Establish a design review commission to assist the Planning Board in approving architectural designs for new commercial and mixed use development.	◆	●					◆			ST
4.6 Adopt specific design standards for new commercial and mixed use developments in town.	◆	●					◆			ST
4.7 a. Continue to identify natural and scenic vistas and apply standards for their protection as part of the development process.		◆	◆	●						ON
b. Consider the establishment of a scenic roadways overlay district.	◆	◆	◆	●						MT
4.8 a. Review procedures to identify and monitor underground storage tanks (UST's).			●					◆	◆	MT
b. Develop an awareness of potential pollution from decaying vehicles in junkyards and other private properties in town.			●						◆	ON
4.9 a. Establish a Stafford Pond Watershed Association	◆		●						◆	ST
b. Request that the RIDEM close the Stafford Pond boat ramp to gasoline powered craft.	●		◆						◆	ST

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Plan Implementation											
4.10	Continue to monitor potential leachate contamination from the Tiverton landfill.			●					◆		ON
4.11	Ensure compliance with the Rhode Island Freshwater Wetlands Act.		●	◆					◆		ON
4.12	Update the Harbor Management Plan as necessary to ensure protection of environmentally sensitive areas.		◆				●				ST
4.13	Define coastal scenic views and consider standards for their protection.		◆		●		◆				MT
4.14	Enact and enforce the proposed amendments to the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance. Continue enforcement of the existing ordinance.	◆	●	◆					◆		ST/ ON
4.15	Create an Historic Preservation Advisory Board.	●									ST
4.16	Acquire funds to study the origins of the Eight Rod Way archeological remains and develop a protection strategy.				●						MT
4.17	Continue to include evaluation and possible protection of archeological resources in the site plan and subdivision review process.		●	◆							ON

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LAND USE PLAN (CHAPTER 5)	TOWN COUNCIL	PLANNING BOARD	CONSERVATION COMMISSION	OPEN SPACE COMMISSION / STONE BRIDGE TASK FORCE	HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION	WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION	PUBLIC WORKS	WATER AUTHORITIES	TIME FRAME
Plan Implementation										
5.1 Ensure that the land use goal and specific visions for desirable future development are achievable with the zoning and subdivision regulations.	◆	●	◆							ST
5.2 Evaluate the development potential of the vacant industrial property in town, and consider rezoning.	◆	●				◆				ST
5.3 Evaluate the uses and dimensional requirements of the Highway Commercial District, and modify if necessary.	◆	●				◆				ST
5.4 a. Evaluate the Village Commercial District to ensure protection of Tiverton Four Corners	◆	●								ST
b. Consider the application of the Village Commercial District to other areas of the town.	◆	●								ST
5.5 a. Develop a comprehensive waterfront plan that evaluates long term options for development, improved aesthetics and public access.	◆	●			◆					MT
b. Complete improvements to the Stone Bridge area.	◆	◆		●				◆		MT
5.6 Support industrial and commercial uses that result in net tax revenue and are compatible with the small town and rural character of the town.	●	◆				◆				ON
5.7 Inventory and evaluate town-owned property to determine its best use based on the Comprehensive Community Plan, and review periodically.	◆	◆		●						ST/ ON
5.8 Establish a planning department with a full-time planner and staff.	●	◆								ST
5.9 Allow the expansion of sewer and water utilities only in a manner that is consistent with the Comprehensive Community Plan.	●						◆		●	ON
5.10 Develop regulations with regard to the siting of utility and accessory structures.	◆	●	◆					◆		ST

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HOUSING (CHAPTER 6)	TOWN COUNCIL	PLANNING BOARD	HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD **	TIVERTON HOUSING AUTHORITY	AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION **	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION	BUILDING /ZONING OFFICIAL			TIME FRAME
** To Be Established										
Plan Implementation										
6.1 Require developers to consider plans that conserve and complement historic structures.		●	◆				◆			ON
6.2 Explore a broader range of permitted uses for large, older residential structures.		◆	●							MT
6.3 Encourage the adaptive re-use of large historic structures as housing units.		●	◆				◆			ON
6.4 Investigate sources of seed money for a revolving loan fund to preserve historic and architecturally significant structures.			●							MT
6.5 Strengthen and clarify zoning provisions that allow multi-family dwellings.	◆	●								ST
6.6 Evaluate zoning provisions that allow mixed use residential.	◆	●								ST
6.7 Continue to mandate the set aside of a minimum of 20% and 30% affordable units for single family, and multi-family developments, respectively.		●								ON
6.8 Adopt zoning ordinance requirements to allow the development of mixed-use town center and lifestyle center developments that require a minimum of 30% affordable housing units.	●	◆				◆				ST
6.9 Work with the Church Community Housing Corporation and other entities to redevelop the Bourne Mill complex into a mixed use development that includes significant affordable housing units.		◆			●					ST
6.10 Support the development of specialized residential compounds which provide affordable housing options in the more rural portions of town.		●								ON
6.11 Support the development of an additional low income elderly apartment complex on land owned by the Tiverton Housing Authority.	◆			●						MT
6.12 Establish an Affordable Housing Commission.	●	◆		◆						ST
6.13 Amend the Zoning Ordinance so that all comprehensive permit applications submitted are evaluated according to the goals and policies set forth in the Affordable Housing Plan.	●	◆								ST

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SERVICES AND FACILITIES (CHAPTER 7)	TOWN COUNCIL	PLANNING BOARD	POLICE/FIRE DEPARTMENTS	SCHOOL COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT	LIBRARY COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT	WATER AUTHORITIES	WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION	PUBLIC WORKS		TIME FRAME
Plan Implementation										
7.1 Develop and annually update the five year capital plan.	●	◆								ST
7.2 Implement an impact fee ordinance and consider establishing an annual cap on building permits.	●	◆								ST
7.3 Undertake a study of combining police and fire into a single public safety complex.	●		●							MT
7.4 Encourage the School Committee to monitor Planning Board proceedings for school enrollment potential.		◆		●						ON
7.5 a. Encourage the School Committee to present an integrated, realistic and affordable annual budget.				●						ST
b. Investigate the possibility of combining buildings and grounds maintenance for the School Department and Department of Public Works.				●				●		ST
7.6 Support the establishment of a new library.	◆				●					MT
7.7 Evaluate options for providing additional public meeting space.	●									MT
7.8 Consider options for the development of a modern municipal center.	●	◆			◆					LT
7.9 Encourage the Stone Bridge and North Tiverton Fire Districts to present a single, town wide management plan.	◆					●				ST
7.10 Implement the on-site wastewater management ordinance on a town wide basis.	●						◆			ST
7.11 Amend the Town Charter to transfer the regulatory power of the Wastewater Management Commission to the Department of Public Works.	●						◆	◆		ST
7.12 Control sewer expansion so that residential growth is managed in accordance with the Comprehensive Community Plan, and priority is given to areas where on-site disposal is inadequate or failing.	●						◆	◆		ON

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Plan Implementation										
7.13 Require that any sewer expansion be supported by a complete financial plan.	●						●			ST
7.14 Provide funding to establish and implement town-wide GIS mapping.	●	◆								ST
7.15 Consider providing other forms of information dissemination, such as an annual citizens guide.	●									ST

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CIRCULATION (CHAPTER 8)	TOWN COUNCIL	PLANNING BOARD	OPEN SPACE COMMISSION	PUBLIC WORKS	BUILDING /ZONING OFFICIAL	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION				TIME FRAME
Plan Implementation										
8.1 Continue to review and update site plan review provisions for commercial development and residential subdivisions.		●			◆					ON
8.2 Limit the construction of additional fast food drive-through windows.		●			◆					ON
8.3 Conduct a comprehensive audit to determine legal status of streets in town, and maintain an updated "official street map" in Town Hall.	◆			●						ST
8.4 Encourage increased use of RIPTA commuter services.			◆			●				ON
8.5 Develop a system of pedestrian and bike routes compatible with the existing road system.			●	◆						LT
8.6 Preserve the public right-of-way of the Newport and Old Colony Railway and evaluate the use of the line as part of a regional transportation plan including pedestrian and bicycle access.	◆	◆	●							LT
8.7 Maintain and update local priorities for local pedestrians, bicycle and roadway improvements based on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).	●	◆		◆						ON

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OPEN SPACE, COASTAL RESOURCES AND RECREATION (CHAPTER 9)	TOWN COUNCIL	PLANNING BOARD	OPEN SPACE COMMISSION	RECREATION COMMISSION	CONSERVATION COMMISSION	HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION	SCHOOL DEPARTMENT			TIME FRAME
Plan Implementation										
9.1 Pursue the preservation of open space using selection criteria and priorities as defined.		◆	●		◆					ON
9.2 The Open Space Commission will work with community groups and the Recreation Commission to identify funding for acquiring open space in the urbanized areas of Tiverton.			●	●						ST/ MT
9.3 Coordinate closely with the Land Trust and other private organizations to ensure that both public and private monies are spent for the greatest benefit in preserving open space.	◆		●		◆					ON
9.4 Require input from the Open Space Commission and the Conservation Commission in Planning Board review of proposed open space areas of Rural Residential Developments.		●	◆		◆					ON
9.5 Protect farmland through active involvement in funding programs that preserve land for agricultural use.	◆		●							ON
9.6 Continue efforts to reclaim, maintain and acquire more rights of way to the waterfront, including the construction of a residential boat ramp and fishing pier.				◆		●				MT
9.7 Preserve the public right-of-way of the Newport and Old Colony Railway for future recreational use, including pedestrian and bicycle use and waterfront access.	◆	◆	●	●						LT
9.8 Update the Tiverton Recreation, Conservation and Open Space Plan and develop management plans for town sites.			●	●	◆					ST
9.9 Consider development of a nature awareness program with a public education component as part of the school curriculum					◆		●			MT
9.10 Examine expanding the utilization of School Department recreational facilities for public use.				●			●			ST
9.11 Publish a town-wide map showing recreational and open space resources.			●	●						ST
9.12 Develop a comprehensive recreation plan for all ages and population groups.				●						MT

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CHAPTER 10)	TOWN COUNCIL	PLANNING BOARD	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION	SMALL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION	OPEN SPACE COMMISSION	HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION				TIME FRAME
Plan Implementation										
10.1 Evaluate the existing and potential uses for commercially and industrially zoned land, and consider options for rezoning.	◆	●	◆							ST
10.2 a. Support and promote only new commercial developments which primarily serve local needs.	●	◆	◆							ON
b. Consider the development of a "Tiverton Town Center" that consists of a comprehensive mixed use development	●	●	◆							LT
10.3 Adopt and apply building and site design standards for new commercial development and redevelopment.	◆	●	◆							ST
10.4 Require fiscal impact analysis of commercial and mixed use developments.	●	◆								ON
10.5 Promote the development of the industrial park for light manufacturing, technology, office and other suitable uses.	●		◆							LT
10.6 Support the Small Business Association in assisting in the revitalization of businesses along Main Road in north Tiverton, and in other areas.	◆		◆	●						MT
10.7 Encourage businesses to benefit from the enterprise zone designation.	◆		◆	●						ON
10.8 Evaluate zoning ordinance regulations addressing mixed uses.	◆	●	◆							ST
10.9 Promote expansion of agricultural activities through the Small Business Association and the Eastern RI Conservation District.			◆	●	◆					ON
10.10 Continue the use of tax alternatives/incentives that encourage preservation of agricultural land.			●		◆					ON
10.11 Partake in regional planning for agricultural activity.				●	◆					ST
10.12 Promote local fishing and marine related businesses by developing and rehabilitating support facilities.	◆					●				MT
10.13 Adopt a long-term waterfront plan, focusing on the area north of Stone Bridge.	◆	●				◆				MT
10.14 Support the artist colony and promote development of the arts.		◆	◆	●						ST

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